

# Lake County Sheriff's Office

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Overnight Looting in Lake County

Yesterday, peaceful marches and protests initially took place throughout Lake County. Unfortunately, following the peaceful protests there was a transition to looting and rioting during the evening and overnight hours.

Dozens of sheriff's deputies responded to Waukegan to assist Waukegan Police Officers with hundreds of looters. Numerous businesses were looted and a large amount of property was damaged. Businesses in Beach Park were also burglarized. Five Lake County Sheriff's Squads sustained significant damage from individuals who intentionally damaged the cars. Sheriff's deputies assisted in multiple arrests in Waukegan. Fortunately, no sheriff's deputies were injured.

The members of the Lake County Sheriff's Office will continue increased countywide patrols to protect the safety of our residents and businesses. The sheriff's office will continue working closely with our local and regional law-enforcement partners.

"I am beyond grateful for the men and women of the Lake County Sheriff's Office and all of our area law-enforcement personnel who are working diligently to keep the community safe. We will remain steadfast in our efforts to protect the people and property of Lake County," said Sheriff John Idleburg.

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